

## Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 LOUREN 00358 171742Z

62

ACTION AF-18

INFO OCT-01 EUR-25 ISO-00 CIAE-00 COME-00 EB-11 INR-10

LAB-06 NSAE-00 RSC-01 SIL-01 DODE-00 PM-07 H-03 L-03

NSC-07 PA-04 PRS-01 SP-03 SS-20 USIA-15 AID-20 DRC-01

/157 W

----- 062807

R 171400Z MAY 74

FM AMCONSUL LOURENCO MARQUES

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2542

INFO AMEMBASSY LISBON

AMCONSUL LUANDA

AMEMBASSY BLANTYRE

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LOURENCO MARQUES 0358

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINS, PINT, MZ

SUBJECT: ANOTHER ROAD AMBUSH; TRAIN CREWS STRIKE FOR MORE  
SECURITY

1. ON MAY 15 LATE AFTERNOON, GUERRILLAS AMBUSHED BUS 30  
KILOMETERS FROM VILA PEREIRA ON MAIN ROAD FROM BEIRA. FOUR  
AFRICAN PASSENGERS KILLED, ONE SEVERELY WOUNDED.

2. PRESS REPORTS TRAIN CREWS IN MOATIZE (TETE DISTRICT)  
WENT ON STRIKE MAY 15 DEMANDING SAME MILITARY PROTECTION FOR  
ALL TRAINS AS THAT HERETOFORE ONLY GIVEN TO TRAINS CARRYING  
SPECIAL CARGOES FOR CABORA BASSA DAM. STRIKE ENDED MAY 17,  
BUT TEN TRAINS MOSTLY LOADED WITH COAL, CONTINUED TO BE  
HELD UP BY WIVES AND CHILDREN OF STRIKERS WHO LAY ACROSS  
TRACKS TO PREVENT DEPARTURE. SEVERAL TRAINS SCHEDULED LEAVE  
MUTARARA FOR MOATIZE ALSO HELD UP TO SHOW SOLIDARITY WITH  
STRIKERS.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 LOUREN 00358 171742Z

EM EMPLOYEES OF TRANS ZAMBEZIAN RAILWAY ON STRETCH BETWEEN

INHAMINGA AND VILA NOVA DA FRONTEIRA WENT ON STRIKE FOR  
21 HOURS MAY 15-16 DEMANDING IMPLEMENTATION OF SALARY IN-  
CREASE WHICH HAD BEEN PROMISED THEM SOME TIME AGO. EMPLOYEES  
OF BEIRA/INHAMINGA PORTION OF LINE DID NOT JOIN STRIKE.  
STRIKERS HAVE INDICATED DISSATISFACTION SINCE EARLY IN THE  
YEAR AND A FEW DOZEN HAD QUIT THEIR JOBS WITH THE TZR.  
TRAINS WHICH LEFT BEIRA DESTINED FOR SENA HAVE BEEN HELD UP  
AT INHAMINGA SINCE MORNING OF MAY 15. HENCE, APPEARS PROBABLE  
THAT ABOVE LABOR UNREST RATHER THAN FRELIMO ATTACKS AND  
MINE EXPLOSIONS ON TZR ACCOUNT FOR MOST RECENT INTERRUPTION  
IN TRAIN SERVICE BETWEEN BEIRA AND MALAWI.  
VAN OSS

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** PARAMILITARY FORCES, RAILROADS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 17 MAY 1974  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** GarlanWA  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1974LOUREN00358  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D740123-0474  
**From:** LOURENCO MARQUES  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1974/newtext/t19740539/aaaabiht.tel  
**Line Count:** 73  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION AF  
**Original Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:**  
**Previous Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** GarlanWA  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 29 MAY 2002  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <29 MAY 2002 by boyleja>; APPROVED <25 FEB 2003 by GarlanWA>  
**Review Markings:**

Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
30 JUN 2005

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** ANOTHER ROAD AMBUSH; TRAIN CREWS STRIKE FOR MORE SECURITY  
**TAGS:** PINS, PINT, MZ, FRELIMO  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005